

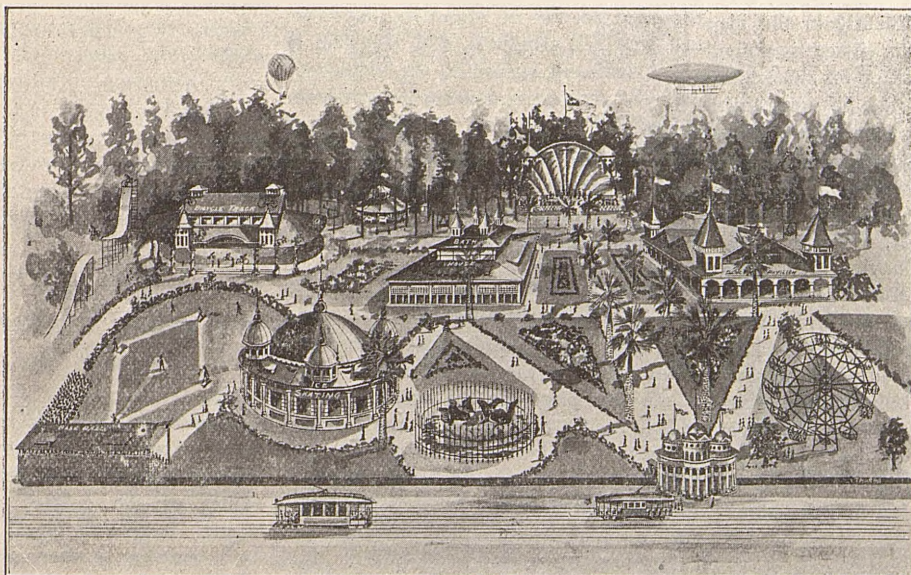
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### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT HAMPTON.

The following excerpts from the President's recent speech at Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute contains some wholesome advice that if followed by the people, irrespective of race or creed, will lastingly benefit all:

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He said in part:

Now, the first thing upon which I wish to lay emphasis is that a school such as this, which strives to raise the colored man and colored woman to make them better men and better women, better citizens, is pre-eminently in the interests of the white man. There is nothing that can be done better for the white man who is to live side by side with the colored man, than to train that colored man up to be a good citizen. The good man, who is a white man, by his presence is a benefit to every colored man in the community, and the safety of the white man is in having the colored man grow to be a good and decent man. From the standpoint of the white man, the safest and best thing that can happen is to have the colored people around him become thrifty, industrious, home-makers and home-keepers, for you never yet had any quantity of criminals from a people or locality where the average type was the home-maker and the home-keeper.

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So that from the standpoint of the white man, nothing better can be done than to give to the colored man that real education, that real training, which he gets here at Hampton and all similar institutes. From the standpoint of the colored man, the real way to help him is to help him help himself. In the long run in this world, no human being can be carried. What this institution does is to train young men and women to walk by themselves.

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The colored man who helps his race most is he who helps teach the members of his race how to conduct themselves with self-respect as hard-working, intelligent, law-abiding citizens. It is the humble virtues that count in the long run."

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No race, no nationality, ever really raises itself by the exhibition of genius in a few men; what counts is character, the character of the average man and the average woman. If we develop in the average colored citizen those quali-

ties of character, of courage, of truthfulness, of sense of obligation, of willingness to work, of desire to behave decently to those round about you, you have taken the longest and most effective step toward securing for the people of your own race their own self-respect and the respect of others, which will follow inevitably in the training of that self-respect.

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### EDUCATION PREVENTS CRIME.

You have sent out from Hampton Institute in all something like six thousand graduates, and, if I remember rightly, there are but two of whom you have record who are criminals, and that fact is an all-sufficient answer to the blind people, who say that no good will come from educating the negro. So far is that from the truth that it may be said that the only real hope for the negro, as well as for the white man, is in education, if only we understand the meaning of education in its proper sense.

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It is often said that the true place for the negro is in industrial work. That is the place for the average negro. That is the true place for the average negro, and it is the true place of the average white man, and we will not get our civilization upon a proper basis until we root out of the mind of the average man and of the average girl, of whatever color, the belief that to become a poor clerk is a better thing than being a first-class hand-worker, a first-class mechanic or a first-class agricultural laborer.

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I want to see the colored man share in the benefit of this movement, and he can share in it only by becoming the best kind of a hand-worker himself, and above all by becoming the hand-worker on the farm, for others first but ultimately for himself.

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The following should be read and re-read by every Afro-American, and put into every-day practice. The idle criminal element among us must be suppressed. Although the holding of the whole race responsible for crimes of the few is theoretically wrong, it is true nevertheless that it is done. While this holding of all responsible for wrongs of a small element works a hardship upon the majority of our people, it will eventually, by making each his brother's keeper, lift the race to a standard of morality higher than any ever attained by the

whole race. Roosevelt continues:

The negro criminal, no matter at whose expense the particular crime may be committed, is a hundred-fold more dangerous to the negro race than to the white, because it tends to arouse the bitter animosities, the bitter prejudices for which, not he alone, but the whole race, will suffer. In the interests of the colored folks, see to it, you colored men here, that you war against criminality in your own race with a particular zeal, because that criminality is in the ultimate analysis a greater danger to your race than any other thing can be. I ask that you colored people show the same virtues which white people must show if they are to become good citizens. I ask you to remember that it is a good thing to have a trained mind; that it is a better thing to have a trained body, which if worked under the direction of a trained mind, and that better than either, mind or body.

### "JIM CROW" CLAUSE STRICKEN OUT.

The Hepburn Rate Bill is having a hard time of it in conference. The "Jim Crow" reference in the measure has been stricken out in deference to the wishes of the colored people of the North. It was a virtual recognition of the separation of the races on the railroads and had a tendency to nationalize this practice.

The provision might have benefited us of the Southland to a slight extent, by giving us better railroad accommodations on some of the lines in this section, but the provision to accomplish this was "like accommodations" rather than the one "equally as good." The latter clause is susceptible to no end of construction. The former is specific and would cause the railroad companies to furnish duplicate cars for the races.

We think that the elimination of the "equally as good" clause was wise. The United States Supreme Court has already construed the separate car provisions to mean that equally as good service shall be furnished. We are not to receive what the law allows us, and we are learning to "pocket our pride" and "bottle our indignation" while taking "pot luck" with that element of colored folks who are begrimed and dirty in their efforts to do the white folks' work.—*Richmond Planet.*



## A NEGRO-HATER GONE.

The death of Senator Arthur Pue Gorman removes from the arena of public life one of the most inveterate and dangerous enemies the colored people had in all of this land. He was skilled in parliamentary debate and political trickery. His attempt to absolutely disfranchise the colored people of Maryland was only partially successful and resulted in the split of his own party.

He has gone to his reward, and yet we feel no resentment in the premises. He has suffered much and no doubt atoned to some extent at least for the great injury he did to us. Our people are forgiving and forgetful, and even now they bow their heads in respectful silence, as all that is left of this Democratic chieftain is on its way to the tomb.

Politically speaking, we are well-nigh helpless, but God is raising up new white friends for us and taking our enemies away, where they can harm us no more in this world and do us no injury in the world to come.

Brilliant, resourceful, scheming, persistent, Arthur Pue Gorman is now sleeping his last sleep. We shall do naught to stay his downward transit to the tomb.—*Richmond Planet*.

## MOB MURDERING.

The lynching and burning enormity at Springfield, Mo., adds to its other awful features the legal finding that two of the negroes killed and roasted by the mob could not have been guilty of the offense charged. It is the verdict of the grand jury, after a long and thorough investigation, that two negroes slaughtered for an alleged assault were at work at a place at least a mile distant at the time. The third negro lynched was in jail on the charge of murder, and was killed by the mob as an afterthought when its wild passions were fully aroused. It is one of the most terrible outrages ever committed by bloodthirsty lawbreakers in the whole history of civilized society.

In its report the grand jury says the lynching was without reason or excuse, as well as unjustifiable and unlawful, and that the lynchers, largely composed of irresponsible and drunken men, took advantage of the occasion to commit acts of lawlessness that were absolutely barbarous and fiendish, and these acts were nothing more nor less than the outward exhibition of their real inward criminality." Many indictments have been found, and there is hope of retribution for this shedding of innocent blood and orgy of cruelty.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

Moore & Burnett Co. (undertakers) have been adding considerable to their equipage of late.

The latest purchases being an excellent pair of black horses for which they paid \$500; a set of harness, \$150; and a new buggy which cost \$96.50. These men are

making no noise about their business, but are going right ahead with a determination and zeal which shows them to be men of business. Such confidence, when backed by good manners and gentlemanly demeanor, can not fail to win in the end.

They now have the finest team in the city—also the finest floral wagon and funeral car. That speaks well for them when it is considered that there are sixteen white undertakers in this city.

The total cost of their rolling stock and horses amounts to \$4045.50. Even with this, there are those of our race who can not see the propriety of patronizing colored men.

Some of our people have sickness in their houses and become destitute to the extent that they have to call on friends for food and medicine, yet when death occurs, they are the first to find fault with their own undertakers.

People who beg for sustenance should only beg of those whom they expect to patronize when they get money of their own. If they had to pay a preacher for attending a funeral then they would discover that negro preachers are no good, but as it is, they use the negro preacher, organist, choir, nurses, and all else who make no charges, but if a dollar is to be spent they run to those whom they would be afraid to call in case of sickness. The preachers have a splendid opportunity to teach these people to be consistent, if not honest.

## THE LOGAN MURDER MYSTERY.

The arrest of J. C. C. Jaxon, charged with the murder of James Logan on the 18th of May last, occasioned no surprise, as he was strongly suspected of having guilty knowledge of the crime. While there is strong circumstantial evidence against Jaxon, we still believe that the murder was committed by white men. Jaxon may have assisted in the bloody deed, but he was not the principal. How an Afro-American could have even witnessed such a cold-blooded inhuman butchery, if such is the case, we are at a loss to understand. If Jaxon possesses a guilty knowledge of the cowardly, dastardly deed, we trust that the chain of evidence against him will be made strong enough to convict him and make it possible to get the principals, whom we believe are still at large and perhaps enjoying the freedom of this community. Marshal Reid is leaving nothing undone to run down the murderers, and should be amply rewarded should he succeed in unraveling the mystery and bring them to justice. The citizens, irrespective of race, in Pasadena and South Pasadena should make the reward large enough to run the murderers off the earth. It was a crime against society—one so heartless, fiendish and brutal that the entire community is appalled. The hopeless, miserable gang that decoyed Logan to a lonely spot on the Raymond golf links and deliberately butchered him with long, cruel knives, may escape the penalty of the law, but

they will spend the rest of their existence in a relentless hell of their own creation. Logan's appeals for mercy will evermore ring in their ears. The desperate, bloody death struggle in all of its ghastliness is still on. Logan's troubles are over; theirs have just commenced; and in less than five years his ghost will have put them all in the graves of suicides or dope fiends. We have witnessed the horrible ending of several cold-blooded murderers. We have seen them chased into the grave by the unseen. Their awful fate is sealed. They cannot escape.

The marriage of Mr. C. E. A. Bronson and Miss Selena McDonald, both popular young people, will be celebrated on the 27th of June. Mr. Bronson is one of the most prosperous young men in Santa Monica. He owns some valuable real estate including a nice cottage which he has built for his bride. We extend to both our congratulations.

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Dr. A. C. Garrott and brother, H. L., have just returned from a week's vacation at Catalina Island. The doctor, who has been greatly overworked, returned greatly improved in health.

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## DEATH OF MRS. STOVALL.

In the death of Mrs. Mary Stovall, which occurred June 13th at her home in Prospect Park, the community and church lost a valuable member. She leaves four sons and two daughters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The funeral services were held at Wesley Chapel, Revs. G. R. Bryant and C. H. Anderson officiating.

## FIGHTING RACE ENTERPRISES.

Afro-American ministers should draw the line at preaching the funerals of members of the race who are too good to be buried by colored undertakers.

We have two first-class Afro-American undertaking establishments in this city and colored people who want to give their money to white undertakers should be sent to white churches to have their funerals preached. If white undertakers are to have the money for burying them they ought to furnish white preachers, white choirs and white congregations. We trust that our ministers will take this matter up and put an end to dead negroes fighting race enterprises.



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## BRINGING FORTH A GHASTLY HARVEST.

We have contended all along that the encouragement given mobs by the white press of this country, when their victims were black, would cheapen white men's lives. The present epidemic of husband killing by white women is mob law's ghastly harvest. Human life is sacred regardless of color or nationality. To cheapen the life of one class, no matter what the pretext, is to ultimately cheapen all lives. That's what you are doing in the United States. High money, cheap life, low morality, is the estimate of this country abroad. The white newspapers are almost wholly responsible for the low value placed on human life and the low state of public morality. If the white papers of this country had put a higher value upon law and order than they did upon the few dollars of blood money they received for endorsing mobs, mob law would long ago have been suppressed and human life, which is now the cheapest thing on the market, would be

regarded as too sacred to be taken as a pastime.

Condemning the burning of Rochelle, a negro, at Barto, Fla., May 28, 1901, we said of the women who witnessed the deed, that they were doomed to be the mothers of prenatal murderers who would strike down without mercy the members of their own household.

Mrs. Scheck of this city, Mrs. Le Doux of Stockton, and Mrs. Myers, of St. Joseph, Mo., have fulfilled the prediction. The white men murderers named may not be daughters of the women mentioned, but they are the products of the sentiments of the mob's fiendish atrocities. Mr. Storrs of Monrovia committed suicide. Mrs. Schenck's husband was murdered by burglars, while Mrs. Myers' husband was murdered by negroes. These are the stories first told by the dead men's wives. But read the blood-curdling facts. Look at Buck, the cold-blooded murderer of Mrs. Canfield, the millionaire's wife. He admitted he placed a low value on her life. It was as low as that placed on the Afro-American in Mississippi or Georgia. No, gentlemen, you have overdone the thing. You have made your own lives cheaper than hog meat. You have reduced public morality to such a low state that human bodies are cooked up and sold for lard, ground into sausage, and the arm of a living human being sold for lamb pot pie. The stench from the charnal house you have made of your country is disgusting christendom. The end is not yet.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

### THE STRICKLIN OLD FOLKS' HOME GONE DEMOCRATIC.

One of the freaks of the present age is the gullibility of the average man. And one proof of the oneness of the human family is the universal willingness of men to be gulled, whether savage or civilized. It is also proof that all men are children in various stages of development. With this information and the farther knowledge that the silliest and most gullible of mortals are white men and women who believe that they are afflicted with a taint of color prejudice, Mr. H. Stricklin, our colored butcher, bought out an outlawed "blind pig" establishment on Pico Heights, and proposed to add insult to injury by building an old folks' home for superannuated Afro-Americans. Now Mr. Stricklin does not boast of anything extra in book learning, but as a reader of human nature he is a past master. So,

after sizing up the shape of the heads of the white people near the place, he decided to buy the property and levy a tribute of \$15,000 for the relinquishment of his presence in that locality. The whole fake old folks' home scheme was learned and published in one of the daily papers as a rare bit of news, giving Stricklin the advertising he wanted free.

This was followed by frequent visits to the intended home by ragged, hobbling, old colored people leaning on discarded broom handles used for canes. These visitors, who were perhaps in the pay of some one, would loiter about the place sunning themselves, giving the neighbors a foretaste of the future old folks' home. Things took on a serious look, and those opposed to the home began to devise ways and means of raising the tribute money. The Liberator's expose of the scheme was published, and the hustle for tribute was abandoned. We had no sympathy whatever for the silly negro haters, but we opposed Stricklin's methods—exploiting the infirmities of our old people to make money to be used for his private ends. This forced him to make a show of sincerity. He had his old folks' home association duly incorporated, with a full set of officers, and employed enough clerical ability to run a railroad. Visiting a number of Afro-American physicians, he proposed building a hospital in connection with his old folks' home, to be used by them free. They immediately accepted his generous offer and gave the project their unqualified endorsement. The ministers were visited and their endorsement secured. Publishing a cut of the future home and some of its occupants, Stricklin had some building material put on the ground, and awaited developments. But the tribute money never came. Seeing that he had caught nothing but moneyless suckers, he discharged his board of directors, left the salary of the secretary unpaid, gave the gullible doctors that old horse-laugh, and built an up-to-date lodging house, which bears on the front that ever-present sign, "For Rent."

### CARL SCHURZ JOINS THE MAJORITY.

Carl Schurz, the soldier, statesman and journalist, the honored of two hemispheres, is dead. A life rich in services for humanity is ended. While men may differ as to the wisdom of his political changes, all are agreed as to his sincerity and honesty of purpose. The object of his life was to make men better, and consequently happier. Freedom and equal opportunity for all mankind was his creed. Afro-Americans have lost a friend.

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## Afro-American Voters not Pleased with Coroner Trout. The Liberator Endorsed.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 14, 1906.  
Mr. Edmonds,  
Ed. Liberator.

I have read your paper for more than five years now, and take this opportunity to congratulate you upon making such a splendid fight against the mob; also for fighting for those things which tend to elevate the race.

In a recent issue you advise us to remember that the coroner's actions are far from being impartial when the negro's interests are at stake. I am with you there, and believe in fighting to a finish every man who puts himself on record as being an enemy to the negro. I deem it good advice also to have and be able to shoot a good rifle. Every negro should be prepared to protect his home.

If you do nothing more in this life than fight against mob law with a vengeance, you will have filled your mission.

Wishing you much success in your undertaking, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,  
A. C. GARROTT.

### A PARTING.

(Written for The Liberator.)

Sweetheart, sweetheart, we're parted  
now,

My bosom throbs with pain;  
A shadow lingers on my brow  
Until we meet again.

Like song-bird thou didst wing thy  
flight

To fairer realms than this;  
My sun hath faded from my sight  
And robbed my soul of bliss.

I listen in the twilight glow  
To hear thy sweet refrain;  
Thy matchless voice is silent now,  
And nought remains but pain.

Farewell, but still I linger yet,  
In anguish moan and sigh;  
My cheeks with flowing tears are wet,  
Oh, must we say good-bye?

Oh, will thy song float back to me  
From that Elysian shore,  
In sweet, undying melody,  
To cheer me evermore?

"Over There" by crystal streams  
Thy footsteps softly glide,  
In a mystic land of summer dreams  
Beyond the great divide.

Wm. WESTENFIELD.  
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### THE LIBERATOR ENDORSED.

Elsewhere in these columns we publish a letter from Dr. A. C. Garrott, endorsing the Liberator's fight for even-handed justice for all. When one is struggling against oppression and wrong, battling for equal opportunities for all, it is no small reward to know that he has the approval of the intelligent thinking people around him.

While the doctor's kind words of approval are very helpful to us, they are worth vastly more to the cause we represent by showing that we are reflecting the sentiment of our best people. The Afro-American needs no special legislation to help him in the race. All he asks is the impartial enforcement of the constitution and laws. He asks for nothing more, and it would be unmanly for him to be satisfied with anything less.

### ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Miss Mildred A. Howard has gone on an extended tour of the East. Canada will be visited. She is an intelligent and industrious young lady, a friend and supporter of race papers and other race enterprises. Best wishes.

Mrs. Allen Watson and babe are touring points of interest in Southern California. She reports a nice time, having many drives among splendid country seats and fine ranches.

Elder T. Brown of San Francisco was a guest at the Edmonds villa, Sawtelle, where he enjoyed an outing "long to be remembered," he says. After luncheon the editor took him for a drive, which

included Santa Monica, the Soldiers' Home and Westgate. Elder Brown lost everything in the San Francisco earthquake. His greatest loss was his library, which was the largest and finest collection of rare books owned by an Afro-American west of the Rockies. He is an entertaining lecturer and race man with few equals.

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Mr. Leonard Stovall graduated from the Hollywood high school on the 22d. His oration, "The Negro Educators," was well received. The ovation tendered him was very flattering. Mr. Stovall was offered a free scholarship in Bidwell College, South Carolina, but he decided to enter the University of Southern California and take the classical course preparatory to entering the medical department.

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Miss Susie E. Edmonds graduated from the commercial department of the University of Southern California. She will enter the preparatory department next fall.

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The following persons were elected as officers of the Epworth League: Mr. J. A. Jackson, president; Mr. C. H. Dougherty, first vice-president; Mrs. Davis, second vice-president; Mrs. E. Tibbit, third vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Stovall, fourth vice-president; Miss E. Bryant, secretary; Mr. Stewart, treasurer; Miss Hortense Anderson, organist.

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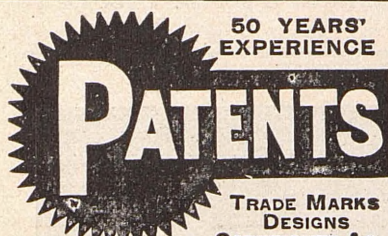


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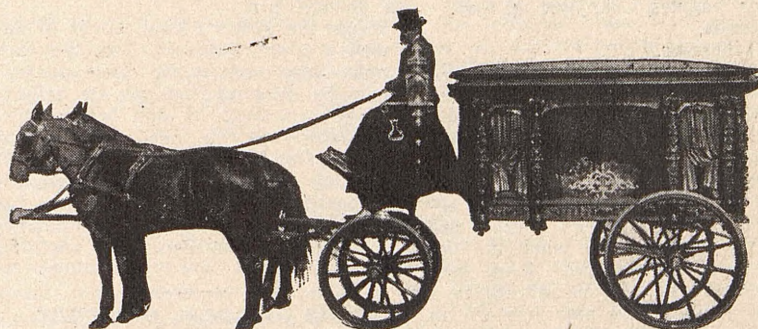
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Preparations are being made for the second meeting of the Young People's Christian and Educational Congress of the United States, which is to take place in Washington July 3 to 8.

The Seventh Annual Negro Conference of Farmers was held at the State College near Savannah, Ga., last week.

The Fifteenth Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference was held at Tuskegee. Thirty States were represented.

The Afro-American Emancipation Day Association will hold a celebration in Richmond April 3d.

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